

**City of Manchester, New Hampshire
Board of Fire Commissioners**

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Location: Central Fire Station-100 Merrimack Street

Board Members Present: Commissioners Gregg Timbas, Robert Haley, Paul Harrington, William Whitmore, Robert Haley and Commissioner Triantafillou. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Also Present: Chief Burkush, Deputy Goonan, Deputy Campasano District Chief O'Reilly, Jody Rivard and Linda Miccio.

A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes were accepted by motion Harrington/Whitmore

Correspondence:

Receive and file by a motion Haley/Whitmore

Reports:

Reports accepted by a motion Harrington/Triantafillou

Division Reports:

Chief Burkush reported on the following:

- Two pumpers have been ordered.
- 2010 budget submitted to BMA. Significant difference between the department and Mayors request. Mayor's budget includes furloughs and 7 vacancies. The Fire Department will meet with the BMA on April 20, 2009.
- FY 2009 will show a \$200,000.00 surplus.
- Local 856 won the worker compensation grievance.
- Chief Burkush thanked Commissioner Harrington for the use of OLPH for practical training.

Deputy Campasano reported on the following:

See attached report.

Deputy Chief Goonan reported on the following:

- The department will receive \$750,000.00 from the City for SCBA replacement.
- EMD training underway.
- EMS codes.
- Station repair issues at Station 6, 4 and 8 are ongoing. Facility Manager to assess situation.

District Chief Ed O'Reilly reported on the following:

- ATF dog training postponed until spring or fall.

See attached report.

Communications Report

See attached.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Commissioner Timbas term expires in May 2009. Commissioner Harrington will succeed him as Chairman on a vote Timbas/Haley.
- Commissioner Haley will remain Clerk on a vote Harrington/Whitmore.

Executive Session: Not necessary

Adjournment: 9:23 am on a motion Triantafillou/Harrington. Next meeting is scheduled for May 12th.

Transcribed by Linda Miccio

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Haley, Clerk

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Manchester Incident Report by type

Alarm Date Between {03/01/2009} And {03/31/2009}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
	14	0.97%	\$0	0.00%
	14	0.97%	\$0	0.00%
Fire				
.00 Fire, Other	3	0.20%	\$1,000	0.21%
.11 Building fire	11	0.76%	\$453,650	99.61%
.13 Cooking fire, confined to container	9	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
.14 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
.18 Trash or rubbish fire, contained	2	0.14%	\$0	0.00%
.31 Passenger vehicle fire	3	0.20%	\$0	0.00%
.42 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	4	0.27%	\$0	0.00%
.43 Grass fire	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
.50 Outside rubbish fire, Other	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
.51 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
.54 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
	37	2.58%	\$454,650	99.83%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
.00 Rescue, EMS incident, other	72	5.03%	\$0	0.00%
.11 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	45	3.14%	\$0	0.00%
.21 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with	863	60.39%	\$0	0.00%
.22 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	41	2.86%	\$0	0.00%
.23 Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	3	0.20%	\$0	0.00%
.24 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	37	2.58%	\$0	0.00%
.31 Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	3	0.20%	\$0	0.00%
.53 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	5	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
.81 Rescue or EMS standby	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
	1,070	74.87%	\$0	0.00%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
.00 Hazardous condition, Other	4	0.27%	\$0	0.00%
.10 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition,	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
.11 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	3	0.20%	\$0	0.00%
.12 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	6	0.41%	\$0	0.00%
.13 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
.24 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
.40 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	0.14%	\$0	0.00%
.42 Overheated motor	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
.44 Power line down	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
.45 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	4	0.27%	\$500	0.10%

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Manchester Incident Report by type

Alarm Date Between {03/01/2009} And {03/31/2009}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
	24	1.67%	\$500	0.10%
Service Call				
00 Service Call, other	18	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
10 Person in distress, Other	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
11 Lock-out	2	0.14%	\$0	0.00%
20 Water problem, Other	8	0.55%	\$250	0.05%
22 Water or steam leak	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
50 Public service assistance, Other	3	0.20%	\$0	0.00%
51 Assist police or other governmental agency	2	0.14%	\$0	0.00%
53 Public service	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
54 Assist invalid	2	0.14%	\$0	0.00%
55 Defective elevator, no occupants	2	0.14%	\$0	0.00%
61 Unauthorized burning	4	0.27%	\$0	0.00%
71 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	6	0.41%	\$0	0.00%
	50	3.49%	\$250	0.05%
Good Intent Call				
00 Good intent call, Other	49	3.42%	\$0	0.00%
11 Dispatched & cancelled en route	4	0.27%	\$0	0.00%
50 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
51 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	23	1.60%	\$0	0.00%
52 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	3	0.20%	\$0	0.00%
71 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	5	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
	85	5.94%	\$0	0.00%
False Alarm & False Call				
00 False alarm or false call, Other	8	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
10 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	11	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
11 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	5	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
12 Direct tie to FD, malicious false alarm	3	0.20%	\$0	0.00%
13 Telephone, malicious false alarm	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
30 System malfunction, Other	25	1.74%	\$0	0.00%
33 Smoke detector activation due to	16	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
35 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	6	0.41%	\$0	0.00%
40 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	12	0.83%	\$0	0.00%
41 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	2	0.14%	\$0	0.00%
42 Extinguishing system activation	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
43 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	37	2.58%	\$0	0.00%
44 Detector activation, no fire -	9	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
45 Alarm system activation, no fire -	12	0.83%	\$0	0.00%

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Manchester Incident Report by type

Alarm Date Between {03/01/2009} And {03/31/2009}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
	148	10.35%	\$0	0.00%
Special Incident Type				
011 Citizen complaint	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 1429

Total Est Loss:

\$455,400

February 19, 2009

Walter N. Alford
193 Whipple Street
Manchester, NH 03102

Chief James Burkush
Manchester Fire Department
100 Merrimack Street
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Chief Burkush

Sir, it is with a sad heart that I tender my resignation as Firefighter/EMT with the Manchester Fire Department effective 3-8-2009. Chief, you and the department have always been there for me and I will always remember that. I also greatly appreciate and thank you for your support in my new opportunity with the Federal Protective Service.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter Alford', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Walter Alford

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MANCHESTER FIRE DEPT

Jim,

On behalf of Nashua Fire Rescue, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Manchester Fire Engine 1 and Tower 6 for their assistance of Station coverage during our 3rd Alarm on Monday, March 16th.

It is extremely gratifying to know that we can count on our Mutual Aid neighbors in our special times of need.


Chief Brian Morrissey
Nashua Fire Rescue

an appreciation for your
professionalism, dedication &
service to our community.

Thanks

Nick & Marcia
Lorang
(745 Coral Ave)

Dear Chief Burkush,

On behalf of my entire family, I am writing to express our deepest and most heartfelt appreciation for the tribute you and the Manchester Fire Department paid to my father in Saturday.

My Dad always spoke very highly of you so I know your presence at his service would have meant the world to him, as it did to us.

If I could thank each firefighter who stood to salute him in front of Central Station, I would. It was so very special. Please express our deepest gratitude to all who participated, particularly the three who agreed to serve as bearers.

The Manchester Fire Department gave us, Tom Padden's family, a spectacular life and will always be in our hearts. Thank you so much. Mylan Padden
Daughter



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

CAROL SHEA-PORTER
FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
NEW HAMPSHIRE

4/9/09

Dear Chief Burkush,

Thank you so much for your department's quick and professional response to the "loose tea" incident. While this was just tea leaves, our office has to call for any unidentified substance, and I am grateful to all of you for your help!

Best wishes,
Carol Shea-Porter

APRIL 14, 2009

TRAINING DIVISION REPORT

DEPARTMENT PROVIDED TRAINING

The following training is being provided to department personnel:

- The Training Division, in cooperation with the Nashua Fire Department, has been holding the NH Fire Inspector I program, which began in March. This program is being taught both in Nashua and Manchester simultaneously, via video-conferencing equipment.
- The Training Division will be hosting the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), as they offer a half-day railroad safety program. This program will be held from April 20th through the 23rd and will culminate with a hands-on demonstration of locomotive operations in the rail yard.
- From March 23rd through the first week of April, the department was able to utilize the former *Our Lady of Perpetual Help* school building for hands-on tactical training. The layout of the facility was ideal for practicing initial engine company operations and hose line advancement to upper floors. The Division would like to thank Commissioner Harrington for his assistance in obtaining the use of this building.
- The department will be starting wide area search training. We have received permission to use a building on Canal Street (former Dunn Furniture store) for this training.
- The department's new Rad-50 CO-oximeter is now in use by Rescue 1. Refresher training has been provided to all members in the signs/symptoms and dangers of carbon monoxide exposure.
- Refresher training regarding natural gas responses and power line safety has been completed for all department safety.
- Operator training is being completed at Station 2 for the use of the forestry unit. Station 6's crews have been assisting with this training.

EMPLOYEE SELF-DEVELOPMENT

The following programs are being utilized by Department members for employee development:

- Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I – NHFA – Woodstock, NH – April 29, 2009
- Hazardous Materials Technician – 2 members
- Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings (New Mexico) – 5 members
- Radiological Emergency Planning: Terrorism, Security and Communication, Harvard School of Public Health – 1 member

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN RECERTIFICATION

The Training Division is two months into the 2009 EMT refresher training program. This program will be delivered in a monthly module format over the course of the next eleven months. This program is incorporating two hours of EMS continuing education into each class module in order to meet the National Registry's 24 hour annual continuing education requirements.

Re-certification has been completed for the individuals expiring in 2009 and state licenses are in process.

IN-HOUSE COMPANY TRAINING PROGRAM

Companies continue to formally document their company level in-house training for the month of **February**. Training hours for each company were as follows:

- Engine 1 56.75 hours
- Station 2 21.00 hours
- Station 3 28.00 hours
- Station 4 31.50 hours
- Station 5 23.75 hours
- Station 6 35.25 hours
- Station 7 26.50 hours
- Station 8 27.00 hours
- Station 9 22.25 hours
- Station 10 40.25 hours
- Engine 11 31.25 hours
- Truck 1 37.75 hours
- Rescue 1 27.00 hours

The average training hours per company for the month of February were **31.40** hours

The average training hours per company for the month of January were **26.12** hours.

Training hours for each company for the month of **March** were as follows:

- Engine 1 29.00 hours
- Station 2 23.00 hours
- Station 3 32.00 hours

- Station 4 20.75 hours
- Station 5 19.00 hours
- Station 6 22.50 hours
- Station 7 19.00 hours
- Station 8 17.00 hours
- Station 9 17.00 hours
- Station 10 9.50 hours
- Engine 11 8.50 hours
- Truck 1 16.75 hours
- Rescue 1 22.25 hours

The average training hours per company for the month of March were **19.71** hours

The average training hours per company for the month of February were **31.40** hours.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

A copy of the minutes of the Safety Committee meeting, held on March 2 and March 31, are attached to this report.

The Training Division has begun the helmet inspection program. This program, designed to ensure the integrity of helmets and will incorporate a new helmet shield identification system, is proceeding smoothly and will continue throughout the next several months.

HOMELAND SECURITY

ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANTS

The department received a denial letter from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighter program for our grant request for 115 SCBA units (\$986,125.00). The 2009 FFY AFG grant period opens on April 15. The department will be re-submitting a request for SCBA replacement funding.

Work continues on the purchase and installation of a back-up radio console. Equipment is being installed by the contractor, Wright Communications. This project will allow the department to provide a truly redundant transmitter and radio console, in the event of a primary system failure. The project is being funded by a grant of \$89,874.00.

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2009
Meeting called to order at 9:00am
UNOFFICIAL

Motion to accept last months minutes was made and unanimously approved.

Members Present

District Chief Pelletier
Lt. Parent
Lt. Veilleux
Fire Training Instructor Bob Field
Lt. Couture
FF Cashin
Lt. Franggos
Captain Butts

Old Business

Engine 5. Building Services has been to Engine 5 and done some work to eliminate the ice problem. Hopefully, this will work next winter.

There are currently 40 SCBA's O.O.S. due to a lack of replacement Dragonfly PASS devices. The Department has acquired 32 Dragonfly PASS devices that were rebuilt by Dalmation Fire Equipment (an MSA Vendor).

The new apparatus status remains unchanged. The two engines are progressing with the other apparatus on hold.

The EMD program is about to be implemented with training for the "part time" dispatchers completed.

Chief Goonan is working with the Traffic Department to improve the Traffic Control System for E-10.

A discussion was had about leather Helmets and the application of the ten year useful life requirement. This will be clarified before the inspection program resumes. Bob Field informed the committee that it is on hold awaiting additional helmets for issue.

Truck 1 has been returned by Greenwood. Repairs are complete and it has been given a clean bill of health.

A discussion was held about the third member on Truck One and what should their responsibilities be? Ideas were raised about outside vent, assisting R-1, and turntable operation. It was agreed that this requires further discussion and that the development of a Truck Operations SOP might be a good idea.

The issue of an SOP for severe weather operations was raised.

New Business

When it was reported that the Training Division would be making use of a video from PSNH for operation near wires, the committee suggested that a representative from PSNH who could answer questions might be a good addition.

Members of Engine 6 are concerned about CO especially with the number of Gas appliances in the living quarters.

Members of Rescue 1 would like to have the confined space camera relocated from the collapse trailer to R-1. They have had to wait for the camera to come from E-7 in order to use it for searching in the river.

E-8 is now the home for the Technical Decon Trailer.

Capt. Soderberg gave the committee an overview of the RAD 57 for monitoring CO in the bloodstream. This prompted a discussion about the use of CO detection prior to the removal of facepieces.

Several members are concerned that they do not have current ID cards proving they are MFD members.

The condition of the Departments portable radio batteries was discussed. Several members have had issues of late. It was agreed that the best solution is for Firefighters and Officers to be diligent and when a battery appears to be bad make certain it gets swapped to communications.

A discussion was held about the performance of our radios in buildings and certain geographic areas of the city. It might be time to revisit the issue and evaluate the ability of our solutions to allow for effective radio communication.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00a.m.
Robert Field

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT CENTRAL ON TUESDAY, May 5, 2009
AT 9:00 AM**

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2009
Meeting called to order at 9:00am
OFFICIAL

Motion to accept last months minutes was made and unanimously approved.

Members Present

Chief Burkush
Chief Goonan
Chief Campasano
District Chief Pelletier
Lt. Parent
Lt. Veilleux
Fire Training Instructor Bob Field
Lt. Couture
FF Cashin
Lt. Boudreau
FF Provost

Old Business

Engine 5 is still having a problem with ice buildup. Building Services missed a window of opportunity when all of the ice and snow had melted. Hopefully they will get to it the next time the snow and ice melts.

The Fire Act application for SCBA replacement was turned down. The administration is working hard to examine all of the options for securing the needed funds for this project. They will continue to present options to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen including re-applying for next year's Fire Act.

There are currently 40 SCBA's O.O.S. due to a lack of replacement Dragonfly PASS devices. Work is being done to determine the most cost effective way to get those units back in service and to keep the fleet operating until a replacement plan is in place.

Pre-Build conference for the new Engines was conducted. The apparatus committee met and was briefed on the status of the project. Everything is running on schedule.

The door to enter administration is secured all day long. Anyone wishing to enter the building will have to be buzzed in.

Lt. L'Heureux is beginning the delivery of the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) training for the Line personnel. Training with Dispatch personnel will begin in the next day or two. Dr. D'Prix (Our Medical Director) and an EMD committee have reviewed the dispatch criteria and have endorsed this new approach. There will be more information pushed downstream in the dispatch message from Fire Alarm. Companies will also be responding cold and hot depending on the needs of the incident.

Additional work is being done to bring a fire related interrogation and classification system on line, as well.

The NFPA 1500 Station inspections are completed. Routine maintenance issues were identified and communicated to Building Services.

Chief Goonan is working with the Traffic Department to improve the Traffic Control System for E-10.

Lt. Vellieux reports the Flashlight Repair program at E-5 has parts and is repairing lights.

New Business

There was an issue during the month with the Police Department Dispatch Center resetting a Radio Emergency Button activation from a Fire Department Portable. It appears that the way a Fire Department Emergency activation appeared as a Training event on their console. Chief Goonan has been in communication with the Police and Chris Blue has taken a look at the event and some adjustments will be made to prevent this from happening again.

Concern was raised that members may need a reminder about how to reset a portable to the operating TAC channel after an Emergency Button activation. Training will address this.

MFD Dispatchers will continue to maintain EMD certification.

The State 911 auditors will be providing an independent third party review of selected calls in the future. This is intended to enhance quality and consistency of our call handling.

Chief Burkush asked the committee to work with members on the Leather Helmet inspections. He confirmed that MFD issued helmet fronts are part of the program. The program was agreed to by Local 856.

Existing department issued helmets are being inspected and replaced or repaired, as needed. There was some debate as to whether the NFPA 1851: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting, 2008 Edition requirement that equipment be retired after 10 years from the date of manufacture should be applied to personal helmets. Chiefs Burkush and Chief Campasano are going to review the agreement with Local 856 and see if this needs to be addressed with the local. Bob Field is going to confirm the interpretation of the standard with MSA/Cairns.

A brief discussion was held about the Barrett Street incident. The several members of the committee thought a review of the SOP for Gas Emergencies is in order.

A brief discussion of the Taylor Street incident was held. Truck One contacted overhead electrical transmission lines. The Truck is at Greenwood being inspected and tested before being returned to service.

A question was asked about the third member on Truck One and what should their responsibilities be? Ideas were raised about outside vent, assisting R-1, and turntable operation.

Discussion was had about second and third due Engine Companies making sure they are communicating. Because they arrive very close together there can be some confusion about who should be supplying the first due Engine. Using the radio to resolve potential conflicts was recommended.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.
Robert Field

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT CENTRAL ON TUESDAY, March 31,
2009 AT 9:00 AM**

Fire Commission Meeting
April 14, 2009
Fire Prevention Bureau Report

Seminars:

Fires involving battery powered devices. Auburn, Mass.; Presentation included basic battery fundamentals, chemistry and advances in power, size (weight) and complexities. Most examples referred to rechargeable cells that have become problematic through manufacturing defects.

Upcoming Seminars:

The 31st annual New England Arson Seminar, May 18 through May 22 at Saint Anselm College.

Bomb School. First week in June 2009.

Other:

Please refer to e-mails dated March 31 and April 2, regarding brush cleanup and other outdoor activity including recreational and cooking fires within the City. Questions arise every year with this issue. New residents moving into town from rural areas may have been in the practice of burning brush, outdoor campfires and things like that. We have offered some practical guidance along with a more official reference to the Safety Compliance Standard posted on our web site.

Vacant and abandoned building information is active with inspections specific to the safety of responders and what they may encounter. This progressive program has moved from winter to spring where snow and ice encumbrances have now melted and access to board up windows for plywood inspections can be made.

Meeting with blasting contractors for the purpose of preventing another Proctor Road carbon monoxide incident. This was specific to the permitting process. We were very pleased with the cooperation here between our Department and those responsible for this construction activity.

Computer MDT mapping program was brought to our attention as a reason for delays in apparatus response due to the reliance on points that address a parcel. 80 Dunbarton Road would be an example of an address assigned to the entire Garden Drive development. An example of a corrective action would be Valley West Way, where each individual condo unit has a target point of reference or flag which can be relied upon. The work here is difficult and does not provide for change. If an entity were to purchase all the condos in a property and convert the units into apartments, as what happened at Carrisbrooke, any identification change to a unit, such as numbers to letters, would be

entirely up to the new owner. We would not know that of course and our system would be overwhelmed with inaccurate information.

Respectfully submitted

Edward O'Reilly
Chief of Fire Prevention

O'Reilly, Edward

From: O'Reilly, Edward
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2009 2:14 PM
To: MFD
Subject: FW: Outdoor cooking
Attachments: Good Answer outdoor grills.doc

From: O'Reilly, Edward
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2009 2:08 PM
To: Lennon, Peter
Subject: Outdoor cooking

Please refer to attachment as guidance to what we might encounter when dealing with outdoor cooking. Large permanently constructed, some ornate, outdoor cooking stoves and grills with propane or natural gas fueled burners are managed through the building permit process. It is the portable barbeque grills that are wheeled in or carried around that concerns us. Hibachis, tailgating BBQs, call them what you want, all grills of that nature can only be fueled with charcoal bricketts, i.e. Kingsford, as an example. What we are trying to make clear is that 'campfires' or 'bonfires' are not permitted. When the conversation moves towards, "...we are cooking", the charcoal fuel is the only one allowed. Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact our office.

Edward O'Reilly
Chief of Fire Prevention
100 Merrimack Street
Manchester NH 03101

O'Reilly, Edward

From: O'Reilly, Edward

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 4:59 PM

To: MFD

Questions have come to us regarding the season of backyard cleanups, burning of brush and recreational fires now that the weather is changing from winter to spring. The Fire Prevention and Safety Compliance Standard 2009-1, found on our web site, is specific in that open burning and recreational fires shall be prohibited in the City of Manchester NH. This would include back yard brush and related vegetation collected through clean up projects. The City provides yard waste pickup for composting through a vendor on scheduled days during the work week. The rules of this service are posted on the Highway Department web link. Outdoor recreational fires are prohibited within the City of Manchester. This includes but is not limited to the following devices: Chimenera Furnnaces (Mexican pottery style fireplaces); Bonfire fireplaces (These devices resemble a barbeque grill with a wire screen and a chimney); Home made campfires, bonfires and fire pits that are not used specifically for cooking purposes. Please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau if you have any questions regarding this e-mail. Thank you

Edward O'Reilly
Chief of Fire Prevention
100 Merrimack Street
Manchester NH 03101

4/13/2009

Communications Division Fire Commission Briefing April, 2009

Next Listed Agent Class has not been scheduled. Active Listed Agents are 577.

Approximately 19 fire alarm inspections have been conducted in the past month.

Approximately 41 work orders completed in the past month.

Radio Repair Report from 3/1/09- 4/3/09

Total Radios Repaired is 38. 01 Console/Base, 00 Mobile, 28 Portables, 09 Vehicles.

Updates:

Fire Alarm notes:

State Amory. Fire Alarm plans have been submitted for approval. The state is proposing to add a sprinkler system to the Amory in the future.

VA. Hospital. We met with a government fire protection specialist to discuss the replacement of the fire alarm system in the VA hospital and add fire alarm systems to all buildings on the campus.

Back up radio site

Wright Communications has been contracted for the connectivity of our Back up Radio Site. Most equipment has been installed and we are in the final connectivity phase.. A back up logging recorder was also purchased as part of the back up radio site package. The new recorder has the capability of recording all incoming business lines as well as all radio TAC channels. Wright Communications has completed the installation last week.

State Interoperability

We still are waiting for a response from the state Interop. Committee for final approval of our gateway frequency.

4/13/2009

State Interoperability cont.

Portable radios are being programmed to assist with communication issues with the Bedford Fire Department. All radios, mobile and portable will be programmed when the frequency issue is solved.

Pole licensing update

The pole licensing meetings have resumed. Pole License has been tentatively approved by the committee and we are now attempting to finalize the Municipal Pole Attachment Agreement.